

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

09/932,515

Applicant(s)

JEFFEREY JACOBSEN

Examiner

Kimberly D. Nguyen

Art Unit

2876

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to communication filed 28 April 2004.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-20.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 17 August 2001 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* Certified copies not received: _____.

Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application.
THIS THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE.

5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

- | | |
|---|---|
| 1. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 5. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
| 2. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | 6. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____. |
| 3. <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____ | 7. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Amendment/Comment |
| 4. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material | 8. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance |
| | 9. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____. |

DETAILED ACTION

Amendment

1. Acknowledgement is made of Amendment filed 28 April 2004.

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

2. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Ms. Mimi Dao (Reg. no. 45,628) on 21 July 2004.

IN THE CLAIM:

Re claim 11: Please amend claim 11 as followed:

11. An apparatus comprising:

at least one pixel block deposited onto a substrate, said at least one pixel block connected to a pixel element wherein said at least one pixel block fabricated separately and then deposited onto a recessed region of said substrate;

at least one interface block deposited onto said substrate;

said at least one pixel block and said at least one interface block electrically coupled to form an active matrix backplane;

wherein said at least one pixel block having at least one integrated circuit thereon;

wherein data are transferable to said at least one integrated circuit.

Allowable Subject Matter

3. Claims 1-20 are allowed.
4. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The record of prior art fails to teach or fairly suggest a device including a first substrate coupled to a second substrate; the first substrate comprising a plurality of display blocks which are deposited onto the first substrate and an integrated circuit coupled to the display blocks, each of the plurality of display blocks fabricated separately and then deposited onto recessed regions of the first substrate; the integrated circuit, configured to receive a signal from an external source; and less than or equal to two I/Os coupled to at least one display block and the integrated circuit.

Smith et al. (US 5,545,291; hereinafter "Smith") teaches device comprising a first substrate coupled to a second substrate; the first substrate comprising a plurality of display/driver/integrated-circuit blocks which are deposited onto the first substrate, wherein the blocks in the substrate comprising an integrated circuit or a liquid crystal display.

Suto et al. (US 4,746,787; hereinafter "Suto") teaches an IC card having an integrated circuit, which is configured to receive a signal from an external source by receiving/transmitting means; wherein the integrated circuit is coupled to a dedicated display and controls input/output data displayed on the display.

Jacobsen et al. (US 6,281,038; hereinafter "Jacobsen") teaches a flexible and/or rigid substrate applicable for fabricating the display thereon.

Art Unit: 2876

However, Smith, Suto and Jacobsen, taken alone or in combination thereof, fails to specifically teach the first substrate comprising a plurality of display blocks which are deposited onto the first substrate and an integrated circuit coupled to the display blocks, each of the plurality of display blocks fabricated separately and then deposited onto recessed regions of the first substrate.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Kimberly D. Nguyen whose telephone number is 571-272-2402. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday 7:30-4:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Michael G. Lee can be reached on 571-272-2398. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

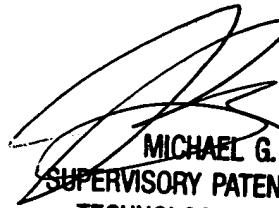
Art Unit: 2876

Information regarding the status of an application may be obtained from the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system. Status information for published applications may be obtained from either Private PAIR or Public PAIR. Status information for unpublished applications is available through Private PAIR only. For more information about the PAIR system, see <http://pair-direct.uspto.gov>. Should you have questions on access to the Private PAIR system, contact the Electronic Business Center (EBC) at 866-217-9197 (toll-free).



KDN

21 July 2004



MICHAEL G. LEE
SUPERVISORY PATENT EXAMINER
TECHNOLOGY CENTER 2800